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Our Easter evangelistic servivces will begin Sabbath morning, April 5th, and continue until Easter. Dr. J. H. Bomberger, of Cleveland, editor of the Christian World, will assist in these services. He will be with us from Tuesday, April 7, through the week and over Palm Sunday, April 11th. It will be a great privilege to have Dr. Bomberger with us in these services. You cannot afford to miss any of the services. The church needs your presence and help in these meetings, but most of all, you will need the help of the meetings and your friends and neighbors need the help of these gospel services. Make your plans to be at every meeting.

Section No. Three will give the next monthly supper Thursday evening, April 2. Mrs. Walters, Mrs. William Seibold and Mrs. D. Mullen are the managers of this section.

Are you thinking about your Easter offering for benevolence? Begin in good time to save up something for this offering.

We have started our list of applicants for church membership on Easter Sunday. This list should grow rapidly, and with earnest effort and prayer we believe it can be made to grow into surprising proportions. Have you not some friends whose names you would like to see on this list? If so, then pray for them; do not hesitate to ask the church to join you in earnest prayer for them, and do what you can to bring them out to our services on Sunday and during the week. Get in dead earnest about this matter. The Lord will not hear your prayer, nor bless your effort unless you put your heart into the work.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Aid society the price for the Thursday evening suppers was fixed at 20 cents, and the Saturday evening lunches at 15 cents. The committee wishes to announce also that when the suppers are given on Thursday afternoon the ladies will meet to sew the same afternoon, and if the suppers are given on Saturday evening the sewings will be held on the Wednesday afternoon previous. All the ladies of the church are invited to the sewings.

Have you filled out your pledge card for the choir? The music committee is anxious to get all the cards in as soon as possible. You will find special envelopes in the pews for your offering for the choir. THE FOREIGN MISSION WORK OF OUR DENOMINATION

The article below appeared in the Christian Endeavor column in the Christian World of Feb. 15. We are glad to publish it in the Visitor, for in this way it will get into a larger number of our families. We are anxious that our people shall have full information in reference to our foreign mission work:

Our church supports 51 foreign missionaries: 28 in Japan and 23 in China. The annual budget for both missions amounts to \$65,000. This does not include the expenses for furloughs, buildings, etc. Five additional missionaries for our Japan and China missions in 1907! This was a good record, but it did not supply the most urgent needs. We should have two more physicians for our hospitals at Yochow and Shenchowfu. The evangelistic work in Japan will require four foreign workers if the work is not to be permanently retarded. We congratulate the board of foreign missions upon its choice of the five new missionaries sent out during the past year. Since April 1, 1907, Rev. Irving G. Boydstun and wife have been members of our China mission. Miss Edyth N. Brighthill, of Baltimore, Md., was elected on July 29, 1907, as trained nurse for the Shenchowfu hospital. On December 31, 1906, the board elected as teachers for the Miyagi Girls' school at Sendai, Japan, Miss Lydia A. Lindsey. of Cherryvale, Kansas, and Miss Kate I. Hansen, of Denver, Colo. Both of these young ladies are graduates of Kansas University.

Statistics of Our Work

Mission founded at Tokyo	1879
Work opened in Sendai	1886
Present Number of Missionaries _	18
Stations where missionaries reside	- 3
Stations where Japanese pastors	
reside	26
Japanese pastors	29
Organized churches	7

Preaching places	37
Sunday Schools	47
Members22	200
Sunday School teachers 1	42
Sunday School scholars21	
Bible women	15
Chief Stations in Japan—Tokyo, Send	al.
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Yamagata. Chief Stations in China—Yochow, Shenchowfu.

Organization Japan Mission, 1879. Organization China Mission, 1899. Receipts of the Board of Foreign

Missions for 1907, about \$90,000.00.

More than doubled during the past

three years.

Value of our mission property in Ja-

pan and China, \$220,000.00.

Missionaries in Japan Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Moore, Tokyo Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Miller __Yamagata Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder Sendai Prof. and Mrs. P. L. Gerhart __Sendai Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Lampe ____Sendai Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Faust ____Sendai Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Stick ____Sendai Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Cook ____Sendai Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Seiple ____Sendai Rev. J. F. Steiner ____Sendai Miss Lena Zurfluh _____Sendai Miss Sadie Lea Weidner ____Sendai Miss Lucy M. Powell ____Sendai Miss B. Catherine Pifer _____Tokyo Miss Mary E. Gerard ____Sendai Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Zaugg ____Sendai Miss Kate I. Hansen _____ Sendai Miss Lydia A. Lindsey ____ Sendai

Missionaries in China

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoy __Yochow Dr. and Mrs. J. Albert Beam __Yochow Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Reimert __Yochow Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly __Shenchowfu Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Keller ____Yochow Miss S. Emma Ziemer ______Yochow Miss Christine S. Reifsneider __Yochow Miss Grace R. Whitmore _____ Yochow Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Bucher Yochow Rev. Edwin A. Beck _____Shenchowfu Mr. Horace R. Lequaer ______Yochow

Miss Rose A. Spangler ____Shenchowfu Miss Anne C. Kanne _____Yochow Miss Carrie J. Dreibelbies ____Yochow Rev. and Mrs. Irv. G. Boydston __

Miss Edyth N. Brighhill _Shenchowfu
Miss Alice E. Traub _____Yochow

Mrs. Hannah Hiner died Saturday, Feb. 15. She was aged sixty-three years. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Hildebrandt, 834 Washington Boulevard West. She is survived by one daughter, one son, two brothers and three sisters.

William Allen, son of Professor and Mrs. E. C. Zartman, of Tiffin, Ohio, died from dread diptheria Feb. 4. On Sunday little William seemed in his usual health and on Tuesday he died. The little body was laid away on Wednesday with none but the father, pastor and undertaker present. Thus rapidly did diptheria do its dreadful work. Prôf. Zartman and family have the sympathy of their many friends in this their sad loss.

The following are the recent enrollments on the cradle roll in the Sunday School: Helen Isabel and Charles Revier, daughter and son of Charles and Anna Cram, 521 East Wayne street; Eethel Emma, daughter of Charles and Emma Robinson, 1024 De Groff street; Wilma Caroline, daughter of William and Pearl Helbish, 806 Washington Blvd. East: Ethel Naomi, daughter of Arthur and Gertrude Armstrong, 802 Washington Blvd. East; Clarence William, son of George and Daisy Trautman, 1013 Wilt St.; Helen Marie, daughter of Ernest and Nellie Payne, 2801 John St.; Elenora, daughter of Richard and Elnora Weller, of 917 Monroe St.

Lenten Services

Wednesday evening, March 11, the pastor began a series of Wednesday evening Lenten services, which will be continued until we begin our Easter services, April 5th. We are studying Rev. Hallenbeck's little book on the passion for souls at these services. This is an excellent book on this subject and we are sure these studies will prove instructive and timely. Dr. Parley Zartman sent us seventy-five copies of Mr. Hallenbeck's books for free distribution among our members, and all who will attend the Wednesday evening meetings will be furnished with copies of the book. It was very kind of Mr. Zartman to furnish us with these books. We hope our people will show their appreciation of this kindness and interest which Mr. Zartman has in Grace church by coming to the services and joining in the study of these books. The attendance so far at our Lenten services has been very good, and the interest has been quite good. We are praying that the members of Grace church may become thoroughly imbued with the passion for souls and make the King's business the one supreme business of their lives.

Are you interested in the service of Grace church? You cannot manifest it in any better way than by giving your subscription toward the music. Do not think that we can get along without it. Every member ought to feel responsible to the extent of doing something. Don't put off this matter until the music committee will have to call on you. It is far more pleasant to give voluntarily. Don't make the amount just as little as possible, but give the most you can to help the work along. Some are giving a dollar a month toward this fund. There are many others who are just as able to do the same. Do something, and do it quickly.

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Mrs. Gavine is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. McAndrews, at St. Thomas, Canada.

Lillie Moore, residing at 329 Baker street, has been quite ill for the past four or five months. She is improving some now and we hope she may soon be right well again.

Miss Anna Dormer recovered very nicely from her operation at Hope hospital. She is at present spending several days with Mrs. M. S. Wilson, on Hoagland avenue.

The women of Section No. Three will serve the next monthly supper Thursday evening, April 2. They will have veal loaf, hot biscuits and maple syrup, etc. Come and bring your friends.

Marie Barbier has been sick with scarlet fever and the family has been quarantined for three or four weeks. We are glad to say the quarantine has been lifted and Marie is getting along all right.

The pastor is very busy at present making pastoral calls. The bad weather in February and the great amount of sickness interfered very much with his pastoral work. From this time until Easter he will of necessity have to give much of his time to the families that are available for church membership. With the proper effort we feel sure we shall have a large number of accessions during our Easter services.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf and Mrs. Henschen entertained the Young People's Society at their home on East Wayne street Tuesday evening, March 3d, upon the occasion of the society's monthly business meeting. After the transaction of business the young people had a

pleasant social time and later in the evening were served to an elaborate luncheon. The young people tendered Mrs. Leikauf and Mrs. Henschen a vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close entertained the Young Men's club at their home in Lakeside Tuesday evening, March 10th. As usual the boys had a good time together, and transacted a whole lot of business. Most of the evening was occupied in maturing their plans for the reception, which they gave the members of the church Thursday evening, March 19th. Mrs. Close understands pretty well the likes of the boys. When the business was transacted they were invited to a well loaded table in her dining room.

Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Zartman's father, has gone back to Canton, Ohio, again, where he will likely remain for a month or more, when we hope to have him back in Fort Wayne again. He will reach his eighty-fifth birthday April 23d. He is remarkably well preserved in body and mind for a man who has so nearly reached his four score and five years. Mr. Conrad was born in Berks county, Pa., came with his parents, Jacob and Rebecca Conrad, to Stark county, Ohio, when he was eight years of age. Since 1874 he has been a resident of Canton, Stark county, Ohio. For many years he and his brother, David, were the proprietors of the Hotel Conrad in Canton. where he makes his home when he is in his native city. Having spent so many years in Canton and in that immediate community and having so many acquaintances there, it is but natural that he wants to spend most of his time at his old home. His church relations date back to a very early period in his life, when he was received into membership with the Reformed church, the church of his parents, and in this church he has held his membership ever since.

THE EASTER OFFERING

We are now coming very near to the Easter season, and we are becoming exceedingly anxious about several things. First, the ingathering of souls into God's Kingdom, and then, second, about what we shall be able and willing to bring to the Lord for an Easter offering. Surely we cannot pass through this Easter season without thinking seriously of what our Lord did for us. He gave Himself upon the Cross for us. Should we not give Him our hearts and our all? And should we not bring Him some offering by which we may assist in extending His Kingdom? We should be happy to do this. We anticipate that our people will want to give liberally and cheerfully on Easter Sunday. The members of the church and of the Sunday School will be provided with special envelopes for this offering. Quite a number of the members have already paid the full amount of their apportionment, but we know that they will want to make an offering again on Easter; others who have not yet paid the amount apportioned are intending to pay the full amount and even more, and we have the confidence to believe that some who have not yet given anything for benevolence since the beginning of our classical year, last July, will at the Eastern season give liberally and with a glad heart. It is more blessed to give than receive.

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Y. P. S. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS

March 22. The Wise Use of Influence. Eccl. 4: 9, 10. Prov. 27: 6, 9, 10, 17, 19. Bertha Bitner.

March 29. Home Missions; Progress In the Philippines. Matt. 13: 31-33. Missionary Committee.

April 5. Songs of the Heart. The Men Whom God Accepts. Ps. 24. Irving Bitner.

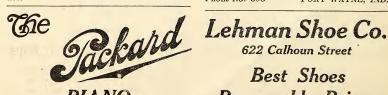
April 12. Temperance Meeting. Lessons from the Life of John B. Grough. II Sam. 22: 17-27. Dr. J. H. Bomberger.

April 19. Sunday, Our Weekly Easter; How To Observe It. John 20: 1-10; 19-23: Rev. 1: 10. Clara Schaaff.

April 26. John Paton and Missions in the Islands. Acts 28: 1-10. Missionary Committee.

The ladies of the Second Section had a supply of Larkins goods for sale, when they served their supper Thursday evening, March 5th. They are going to continue the sale of these goods at the monthly suppers and will take orders to be filled at future dates. Give them your order.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Schaaf will in the near future remove to Covington. Ky., where Mr. Schaaf will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. John Rettig. We trust the climate will be beneficial to Mrs. Schaaf's health and that they may have a pleasant pastorate.



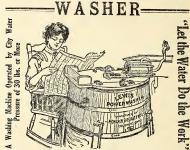
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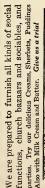
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